

India should be declared a terrorist state and subjected to appropriate penalties. These should include a cutoff of U.S. aid to India until the terrorism stops and human rights are fully enjoyed by all people within the country. And we should declare our support for the freedom movements seeking their freedom from India. By doing these things, we will advance the fight against terrorism in the world and help all people to enjoy the basic democratic right of self-determination.

As former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell said, "the essence of democracy is the right to self-determination." It is time for real democracy in India rather than a continued campaign of terrorism.

IN HONOR OF RONALD MACK
WOODGEARD

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, heroes come in many shapes and sizes. Over the past 11 months we have celebrated the lives of many heroes. We have paid tribute to firemen, policemen, public officials, businessmen, among many others. Their common thread is the selfless desire to improve the world around them.

Today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to one of my district's great heroes who spent his life on the political lines, digging deep into the business of Georgia law-making to tell the story, Mr. Ronald Mack Woodgeard, former Editor of the Macon Telegraph in Macon, Georgia.

Ron was known throughout the state, especially in Macon, for his fair and balanced journalism. He had a knack for taking a story into the future, not just by giving a play by play description of events, but by taking the analysis a step further to uncover not only the facts but look past the facts to explain what they mean.

A friend of the community, Ron earned and kept the trust of his neighbors, his co-workers, and public figures, including the subjects of his reports. Many view the role of news reporter to be "watchdog" but this reporter was not one out for cold blood, looking to exploit a person or a situation for the "scoop". He sincerely believed in educating people to improve the community and society as a whole. Through his leadership, the Macon Telegraph was known for representing all sides of its readership—there was always something for everyone on the editorial page.

Ron was a dedicated worker and a good friend of mine, but I call him a hero not only for his years of dedicated service of bringing the news home to south Georgia, but for doing his job while waging a ten year war against a rare form of cancer. Co-workers at the Telegraph remember Ron for pressing on without complaint. Pressing on for Ron meant getting the story while enduring more than 15 major and minor surgeries, three rounds of chemotherapy, and four courses of radiation. To survive ten years of this type of treatment and still get the job done takes iron will. Sadly, this invisible assailant overcame our soldier and took his life Monday, September 9, 2002.

Other professional hats of the Editor include college instructor, military policeman for the

Army during Viet Nam, private investigator, and after completing trade school, a welder. But his most important job was father of two sons.

Ron Woodgeard believed in people and they believed in him. I believed in him, and I will miss him. My wife Julianne and I extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and join with them in celebrating the memory of one of Georgia's journalistic heroes. His legacy will live on through the millions of lives he touched.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WANDA
SOTHEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who has selflessly contributed her time and energy towards the betterment of her community and her nation. Wanda Sothen, of Durango, Colorado, has donated countless hours to aid the people of Durango and its surrounding communities following this wildfire season. She has been a true inspiration to her friends, family, and community and it is with pleasure that I applaud her efforts before this body of Congress and this nation.

When wildfires ravaged Colorado and the devastation proved too widespread for the Red Cross and other aid organizations to care for the specific needs of the 1,700 households displaced by the 70,000 acre Missionary Ridge fire, Wanda stepped up to meet the challenge. Recognizing that her friends and neighbors needed more than just the basics of food and shelter, Wanda founded Helping Hands, a relief organization based out of Durango. Starting with only a telephone and a stack of index cards at a desk in the local mall, Wanda carefully put together every piece of relief she could find.

Wanda learned quickly that many residents needed help, and many also had something to give, the problem was trying to bring everyone together. After the creation of Helping Hands neighbors began to donate items such as candles, clothing, food, school supplies, along with professional veterinarian services for local animals. Wanda's understanding of community needs extended beyond the ordinary, as animals from the size of goldfish to horses found help or homes through her organization. Her untiring spirit of charity continues to bless the lives of those affected by the fire as she continues to turn each donation into a gift of relief.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to Wanda Sothen, a true community activist, before this body of Congress and this nation. Her diligence in bringing her community together in the face of crisis, by creating and running Helping Hands, has made her an inspiration to us all. She truly stands as an example of American values and civic virtue and deserves our praise.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. DeGENOVA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova were united in marriage on August 24, 1933; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova are celebrating 69 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family, consisting of 3 sons, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joseph and Malvina DeGenova have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. DeGenova as they celebrate their 69th Wedding Anniversary.

THE CRANBURY LIONS CLUB
MARKS SEPTEMBER 11

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday, September 11, 2002 marks the 1st anniversary of the heinous attack on the United States of America by terrorists. On Saturday, September 14, 2002, the Cranbury Lions Club will remember the heroic actions on September 11th of a Cranbury, New Jersey resident, Mr. Todd Beamer, with the dedication of a memorial in the township's Heritage Park. Mr. Beamer was aboard Flight 93 on September 11, 2001 when it was hijacked by terrorists and crashed in Western Pennsylvania.

The memorial honors the uncommon service of Todd Beamer and his fellow Flight 93 passengers whose selfless act of courage saved countless lives and helped reunite our Country. It also provides a permanent symbol to underscore the invaluable role of all citizens in protecting our unalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

The Todd Beamer Memorial contains two symbols of strength, a boulder and an oak tree. On the boulder is a plaque that reads:

"LET'S ROLL"

These are the memorable words spoken by Todd Beamer, a Cranbury resident, who was aboard United Flight 93, when it was hijacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001, as he joined with his fellow passengers in a final act of resistance, sacrificing their lives to save countless others.

A man described as ordinary to the world, extraordinary to his family, he shall forever be remembered for his uncommon act of bravery. This memorial celebrates the faith and heroism of Todd Beamer—husband, father, son, brother, friend, civilian—an American.

Americans have read or heard about the heroic actions of Todd Beamer, and will always remember his simple, inspiring words: "Let's Roll". As we memorialize his actions and